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WASHINGTON, July 19, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 14 totaled 328,222, up 8.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1989 and 19.8 percent above the preceding holiday week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 12.4 percent in the East and 4.3 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, coal loadings were up 29,774 cars (32.7 percent). A large part of that increase is due to the fact that coal miners were striking at this time last year. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were up 1,858 cars (18.1 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 28 weeks of 1990 totaled 9,442,173, up 1.2 percent from the comparable period of 1989.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 112,533 trailers and/or containers for the week ended July 14, up 1.7 percent from the corresponding week of 1989.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 28 weeks of 1990 was 3,244,797 trailers and/or containers, 3.7 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended July 14 totaled 19.8 billion, up 13.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first 28 weeks of 1990 was an estimated 557.5 billion ton-miles, up 4.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 14, 1990

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JULY 14, 1990	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1989	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	27,564	27,565	.0 %	22,968	20.0 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,262	1,544	-18.3	1,491	-15.4
Metallic Ores	22,919	26,287	-12.8	21,963	4.4
Coal	120,711	90,937	32.7	89,038	35.6
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	16,758	17,774	-5.7	15,305	9.5
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,133	10,367	-11.9	8,208	11.3
Grain Mill Products	9,906	9,796	1.1	9,189	7.8
Food & Kindred Products	8,691	8,620	.8	7,466	16.4
Primary Forest Products	10,350	10,468	-1.1	7,365	40.5
Lumber & Wood Products	5,619	6,761	-16.9	4,415	27.3
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,798	10,926	-1.2	10,615	1.7
Chemicals	26,819	26,264	2.1	25,441	5.4
Petroleum Products	5,465	5,527	-1.1	4,538	20.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,529	11,201	-6.0	8,881	18.6
Coke	5,544	5,076	9.2	5,108	8.5
Metals & Products	9,435	8,665	8.9	9,130	3.3
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	12,112	10,254	18.1	11,168	8.5
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,283	8,202	1.0	6,281	31.9
All Other Carloads	6,324	6,976	-9.3	5,505	14.9
Total	328,222	303,210	8.2 %	274,075	19.8 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JULY 14, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 28 WEEKS ENDING JULY 14, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	328,222	303,210	8.2 %	9,442,173	9,333,768	1.2 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	60,086	62,919	-4.5	1,828,107	1,827,758	.0
Containers	52,447	47,780	9.8	1,416,690	1,302,008	8.8
Total	112,533	110,699	1.7	3,244,797	3,129,766	3.7
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	19.8	17.5	13.1 %	557.5	535.6	4.1 %